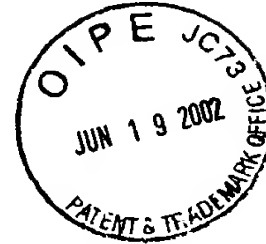


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on February 21, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on June 21, 2002 with a one-month (1) extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, to and including June 21, 2002, accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3

4. (Twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids from 1 to 577 of SEQ ID NO:6;
  - (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids from 82 to 577 of SEQ ID NO:6;

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